

SUSANNAH WESLEY HOME PROVES VERY IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE CHARITABLE WORK OF CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU



Scenes at the Susannah Wesley home. Photograph of the home and groups of contented children around whom it throws its protecting wings. In lower left-hand corner are shown Miss Sadie Barrett, superintendent, and Mrs. Josephine Miller, co-worker.

As important factor in the charitable work of Honolulu for the uplift of Oriental girls is the home established 12 years ago by the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist church and was named "Susannah Wesley Home" in honor of the mother of John Wesley, who was the founder of Methodism.

This home was first established on School street, but in a short time the society was forced to procure more commodious quarters. A pleasant place was found on Nuuanu Ave., but they soon found this also inadequate for their needs.

At that time, 10 years ago, Bishop Hamilton came here to preside at the annual conference of the Methodist churches and before he left the coast the Woman's Home Missionary Society extracted a promise from him that he, with the local workers interested, would select a place suitable for a permanent home and procure an option on the same.

A place most admirably suited to this work by reason of its location and the adaptability of the buildings already upon the property was selected; the society at once made the purchase, and the place on King street, well known by all residents of Honolulu has since been "Susannah Wesley Home."

This home is probably doing more than any one institution in bringing about a condition as to the thought and customs of these Oriental girls that will make for the Americanization of Hawaii's future Oriental homes and their modes of living.

The girls receive instruction in the care of a home, cooking, sewing, and in fact all necessary work in an American home. They attend the Kaimanui school, where they are getting an English education, and at the home a teacher is employed to give them the advantage of an education in their own tongue.

During these years of the existence of the "Susannah Wesley Home," several of the girls have been preparing themselves for mission work amongst their own people and good reports come back of splendid work being done.

There are 36 girls in the home at the present time.

We should not close this description of the Susannah Wesley Home without speaking of the head workers therein, for seldom is to be found a home so well equipped in this respect as is this one.

The present superintendent, Miss Sadie Barrett, was provided in the first place by nature with a deep interest in other people and a self-sacrifice for the uplift of the work. Her training has given strength and force to this natural tendency. She is an untiring worker. As much also can be said of her co-worker, Mrs. Josephine Miller, who has been with the home for two and one-half years. They are daughters of the King and ready for work any hour of the day or night with an inexhaustible supply of sympathy and love.

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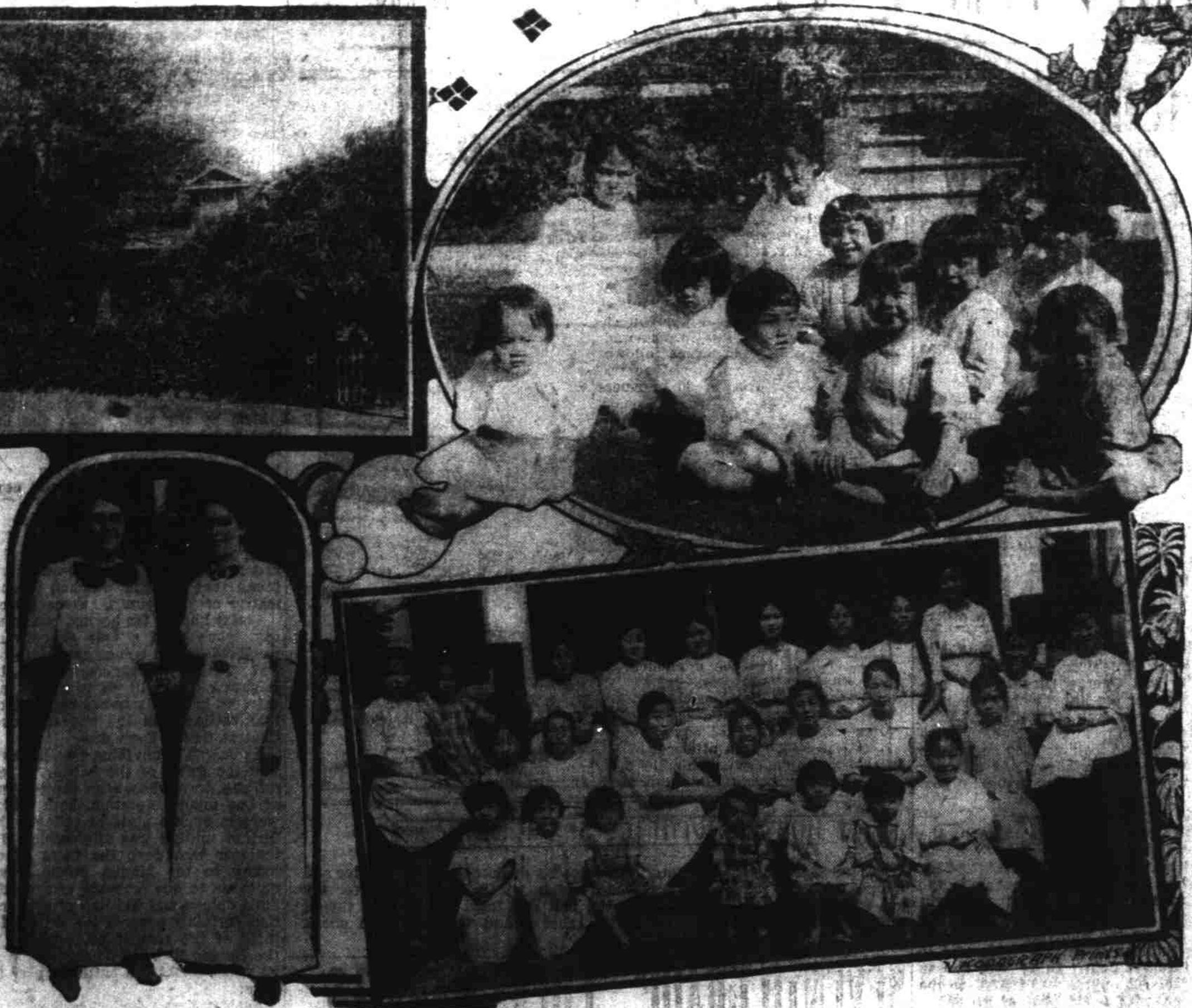
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MISS FARLEY TELLS OF WORK OF THE CHARITIES EMPLOYMENT DEPT.

Miss Emily Farley, who for the past three months has been in charge of the employment department of the Associated Charities, tells of the work which the department has done during November, December and to date in an interesting report presented at the annual meeting of the board of directors of the charities. The report shows that, under her direction, the scope of the work has been broadened, and more women and girls secured employment than ever before. Miss Farley's resignation was accepted at the meeting. The report follows:

Following is the report of the Employment Bureau for December and up to date:

The Women's Employment Bureau of the Associated Charities has had 23 applications for employment during the month of December; 10 of which were new. Positions were offered to 13, 10 remained unfilled. These 10 represent women wanting positions in stores, offices, or else as housekeepers.

The Y. W. C. A. has had 8 calls for employment, most of them stenographic; they referred several cases to this office.

A. E. Larimer and Miss Emily Farley have continued to confer once a week upon employment work. It was thought that it would be beneficial to include the Salvation Army in these conferences. Col. Blanche Cox received the suggestion favorably and sent Mr. Johns as her representative.

Mr. Larimer stated that the Y. M. C. A. could handle the higher class of men's labor. The following division of the employment work for the Central Bureau was therefore agreed upon: The Y. M. C. A. to handle the cases of men's skilled labor, the Salvation Army the unskilled. The Associated Charities the employment for women. The Salvation Army agreed to provide beds as far as possible to the non-employed needing such assistance, the Associated Charities to provide meal tickets, thus sharing the expense and responsibility. The committee decided to meet every Thursday to discuss cases referred from one office to the other.

It was also requested that the Salvation Army use the same registration system as the other two offices, keeping a card index of the names of all men who applied for work. The Associated Charities furnish the cards. It was also requested that the Salvation Army make a list of those who belong to the wine gang, that the list be filled in the other 2 offices, and that the name of such men be put upon the Tabu list so that further action could be taken if the men were again found intoxicated.

At present there are many unemployed men in Honolulu, those who have come here from away with the understanding that there is plenty of work to be had here, and laborers come in from the plantations with the same idea. The planters' association has assisted in meeting this situation, first by trying to find opportunities for some of the men to work their passage back; secondly by writing to the managers of the plantations to ask them to each take a few of the unemployed laborers with their families off our hands. A number of people

have thus been kept from becoming public charges.

Major Cheatham and Mr. James Doyle have also helped in relief work. In a second meeting, Jan. 10, Capt. Puck, Mr. Johns' successor, Mr. Larimer and Miss Farley agreed that if the influx of indigent men and discharged soldiers from Manila could be stopped, it would help the labor and charity situation in Honolulu. Such a request was placed before Gen. Fustington who has already written to Washington for authorization to prevent such men landing.

The request to the directors is again made that an advisory committee be appointed to help Miss Farley in the employment work and that a systematic survey be made of the work open to women in this city.

Following is the report of the Employment Bureau for November, 1913. The Employment Bureau has had 27 calls for positions to be filled during this month all but 2 have been filled at least temporarily. 38 women have applied for employment; 25 have been offered positions. As far as we have been able to discover 16 have said in those places. The class of help most in demand was that for house-girls commanding wages of not more than \$3 or \$3.50. Office work (stenographers and clerks), work in stores, work for higher classes of help, such as housekeepers, also for nurses, has been almost impossible to find.

Miss Farley and Mr. Larimer have conferred once a week about the employment bureau. Mr. Larimer is keeping a record of all his cases, she is keeping one of hers. At any time that a central employment bureau is arranged for, both sets of records can be filed there. Besides, according to a former request a list of names of men handled by Mr. Larimer has been filed in this office. I ask permission to discontinue this, as it is simply duplicating work to no advantage.

Miss Ester Erickson of the Y. W. C. A. and Miss Farley conferred on the matter of the employment for women in this city, to see whether they could not cooperate. As a result Miss Farley has the privilege of seeing their employment record book at any time, and once a week Miss Erickson and Miss Farley will meet to discuss any cases which have applied at both offices.

Both have felt that until a systematic survey of the employments open to women in Honolulu a wage scale made out, very little constructive employment work could be done. Also an advisory committee is needed to help in locating positions and handling the difficult cases.

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NEW ZEALAND HAS SOME PECULIAR LABOR LAWS

[By Latest Mail]

NEW YORK.—"People don't have to work so hard in New Zealand as in America," said Mrs. F. J. Rayner, of Auckland, in an interview, in a New York hotel. "Why, I have to give my laundress a whole hour off at noon, and if she works a bit after five o'clock in the afternoon the factory inspector comes around and fines me."

"I have lived in New Zealand 17 years, and have found some of the laws that a labor government has given us rather odd, when one is used to customs of another country. For instance, if this hotel were in New Zealand and I were entertaining some friends, they would all have to be out of the building by 10 p. m."

On Sundays a person who is not staying in a hotel is not allowed to take a meal in the building, nor is it lawful for him to pay a call upon any body in it. I suppose these restrictions were imposed originally as a means of helping regulate the liquor traffic. You see, at every election it comes up every time.

"Do the women take advantage of the right of suffrage?" Well, the majority do. You see, we have had the right to vote down there so long that now we don't think anything much of it—about as much, I fancy, as the average man. The wife usually votes the same way as her husband, and as for the unmarried—why, personal influence counts a lot.

Do you know, I ate New Zealand butter almost all the way to New York. All the hotels and the trains of the Canadian Pacific Railway serve it, and I found it tasted just as sweet in Winnipeg as in Auckland. We shipped 13,000,000 pounds last year to Canada alone. You people have lost all the freight and passenger carrying business between the Pacific Coast and New Zealand through the laws your Congress has made which put the Spreckels line out of business.

"I don't suppose it is generally known here that New Zealand is believed to have the oldest vegetation of any part of the world. Our kauri trees are said to be from 600 to 800 years old. They grow from 200 to 250 feet high, and are of the same diameter at the top as at the bottom. They look like the columns in Egyptian temples."

"They cut for lumber without a knot or blemish. In the past this lumber has been used for wharves, and for general building, but the price has gone up until kauri is now too dear to use for such purposes. It is now employed in making railway ties and furniture. The kauri belongs to the pine family, and is called a coniferous wood. As to its durability, when they took up the piles of the Auckland wharf recently, the piles were found to be just as sound as when they were put down, forty years ago."

"Underneath the tall kauri trees is a small jungle growth. My husband has some of these trees, which are situated in a gulch. Wishing not long ago to cut out part of the undergrowth, he sent in a force of men, who made a curious discovery—

other kauri forest lying on the ground. It must have been blown down before the present forest started growing. Apparently a tremendous hurricane had swept through the gulch, at some time thousands of years ago, and leveled all the vegetation."

"A strange thing about this forest that had been blown down was that the trees, which must have been lying on the ground thousands of years, were just as sound as new ones. There were between 200 and 300 of the fallen trunks, their diameter ranging from six to eight feet, though there was one that measured 13 feet. All were absolutely sound, and they made a lot of lumber when cut up and floated down to the mill."

"No women do not become public speakers in New Zealand," said Mrs. Rayner, in answer to a question. "In fact, they do not take much interest in public matters. New Zealand has become recognized as the country for the laboring man, and it has been under a Labor Government for 18 years. Everything has been done for the laboring man, and everything has been made as difficult as possible for every man that employs labor. Now that there has been a change in the government, we are hoping for reforms in legislation."

"Immigration into New Zealand is not encouraged," said Mrs. Rayner, when asked why more settlers did not flock to the country. "The laws are very strict. They do not encourage foreigners to come in, and they won't have yellow or black people. For that reason it is impossible to get servants, unless you have no children, and are known to pay high wages. Girls that come to settle in New Zealand usually are from London, and these prefer to work in the factories, where they can have their evenings to themselves, with Saturday after-work."

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